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## THE CONDUCTOR.



With the King's approval, and by order of the Council, the National Anthem is to be sung at the beginning of the performance. It is a pity that it is not sung more often. It is a fine piece of music, and it is a pity that it is not sung more often. It is a fine piece of music, and it is a pity that it is not sung more often.

Is any other reform of the anthem required? Some would like a revision of the words, which certainly are not so brilliant in poetry or rhyme as they are in music. But they are so consecrated by use and custom that a change would seem like sacrilege to most people. At the Diamond Jubilee, a worthy deed was done to get rid of "Confound their treachery, Frustrate their knavish tricks, on the ground that such prayers are usually in a solemn tone. But loyalty very sensibly shrinks from this invocation of confusion upon the King's enemies.

We have every right to be proud of our National Anthem, which has received the highest compliment in being sung by other nations. The Prussians of 1793 admired it so much that they fitted words of their own to it, and although every German to-day calls the tune which greets the Emperor "Heil Dir Im Siegerskranz," every Englishman instantly recognizes it as "God Save the King." Across the Atlantic, too, the hymn "America," beginning "My country 'tis thee," goes to the familiar old tune.

There are those who maintain that no Englishman invented it, that it came originally from France. But it is useless to enter into that vexed question, or to decide whether, if an Englishman composed the tune, he was Henry Carey, the author of "Sally in Our Alley," or Dr. John Bull, of James I.'s time. Although it was not John Bull it ought to have been. The National Anthem belongs to another John Bull, anyhow, and he will continue to sing it with heart and voice none the less earnestly or lustily because he is expected to sing it almost half as fast again as he may have sung it before.

We can hardly claim, perhaps, to possess the most stirring National Anthem in the world. That honour must be conceded to the Marseillaise, which sets the blood tingling in the veins by the very sound, quite apart from its associations. But there are other enough now. Although it was the French Revolution that gave birth to this song, and although it was prohibited during the Bourbon Restoration and the reign of Napoleon III, accepted now by all the world as the national hymn of France, it is ascribed as far too respectably by the French Socialists of to-day, because it represents loyalty to the existing State. Between the excitement of the Marseillaise and the solemn strains of the Russian Anthem, which makes one feel as if one were in church, "God Save the King" hits a happy mean very appropriate to the national temperament.

## THE ACTOR.



The Lord Mayor's Show, with its brilliant pageant of literature, past and present, and its gay, holiday-making of all ages, causing from the first child to the first old man, is a thing of beauty. It is a thing of beauty, and it is a pity that it is not more often seen. It is a thing of beauty, and it is a pity that it is not more often seen.

Why do pantomime writers and producers fall back for their subjects after year upon the self-same time-honoured, oft-told legends? It is because their chief clients' children, blase of Torie as they prove themselves in the matter of their games and plays, are more eager on visiting the fairyland of the theatre to meet old friends than to make new ones. But wherefore ignore some of the choicest of these ancient chums, so dearly cherished by our youngsters as met with in their story-books? I am puzzled to find a reason for this neglect while recalling the delight expressed by a Drury Lane houseful of little folk at the time I

was still one of them at the pantomime of "Gulliver." When the wonderful traveller reviewed and manoeuvred the Lilliputian army marching between his legs astride as he stood above them, the children in front, joined by their parents and guardians, laughed till they cried at the serpentine procession line of tiny soldiers. The scene at Brodhead was scarcely less exhilarating in its exciting action.

I commend this vivid Gulliver reminiscence to the consideration of Mr. Arthur Collins as a fresh and novel subject for his next year's Christmas show.

And, gossiping over Pantomime, I've a word to say about "Gunderella." How many of my readers recognize in the second title of this story, "The Little Glass Slipper," a palpable error of description which, made by the first translator of the Countess D'Aulnois pretty fairy legend, has since then been carried down by tradition through manifold editions uncorrected? The second name, "Gunderella," is the original text, "Le petit verre," verre in old French being a diminutive of silver, a fur, better known to moderns as ermine. The same word also meaning glass accounts for the translator's mistake. The supplementary title, therefore, should appear as "The Little Fur Slipper," which, in its aristocratic material and significance, is consistent with the fairy-furnished costume worn by Gunderella at the Prince's ball.

Mr. Tree, nothing if not unconventional in his ever-soothing fertile imagination, in giving his Yuletide holiday entertainment, "Pinky and the Fairies," makes, differing from his managerial competitors, a welcome departure from theatrical tradition. The cast of this original dramatic fantasy prove to be an exceptionally strong one, including as it does such winsome players as Miss Marie Lohr, Miss Viola Tree, Miss Alice Best, Mr. Frederick Volpe, and the clever children, Iris Hawkins and Philip Tongue, to whom names must now be added the most attractive of all, Miss Ellen Terry. Saturday, Dec. 12, brings the last performance of "Pinky" to allow of a free stage at His Majesty's for rehearsals of the new fairy play, announced as for children and others.

## PIPER PAN.



I am pleased to learn that Sir G. MacKenzie has recently completed an important new choral work. A considerable period has elapsed since the distinguished composer, president of the Royal Academy of Music, has accorded us anything fresh from his musically pen. From all I hear, however, it would seem that his latest effort, the libretto of which is founded on the Scandinavian legend of Balder, the Sun-god, will more than sustain his eminent reputation as a British composer. Sir A. C. Mackenzie has no sterner critic than his own audience, and I am told that he is satisfied with the music and scoring of his cantata. Ergo, the musical public will await its production with interest.

In addition to her vocal gifts, Miss Alice Lorraine, the singing young soprano, has attracted interest by the novel programme she arranges for her concerts. If I remember rightly, her first deviation from the beaten track was a "Flower Song" recital, when every item had words pertaining to floral nature; and there was the recent Royal Compositions scheme. Now I hear that Miss Lorraine is giving two more recitals of unusual interest. A pleasing feature of the programme is the inclusion of several of the songs of the great English composers, and I believe that several of them are absolute gems of combined musical and literary art.

One of the most gratifying indications of the advance in musical matters is to be found in the activity of the Musical League. Although only formed a few months ago, the society is sufficiently well supported to decide that it will give a festival at Liverpool in the spring. Members of the League are invited to send in works with a view to production. Both foreign and British novelties of merit will be included in the programme. A pleasing feature of the scheme, too, is the intention to perform older music of value which at present is not heard as frequently as it deserves. This will "wool the savage breasts" of many composers whose productions have been successful, and yet have lain on the shelf for want of further opportunities.

According to the "New York Times," the Americans are tired of German opera, in which the singers are sacrificed to the composer, and are now demanding opera in which the voice is the paramount power. Perhaps they have had a surfeit of Wagner in America. But I quite agree that one perfectly beautiful voice will capture audiences in any place where fine singing and a merely normal good voice might fail. I have heard the perfect vocal organ is never worn out, and I have often experi-

## WILL WORKMAN.



enced the relief of listening to Patti, Melba, Tetrazzini, Caruso, etc., after hearing strenuous renderings from the Wagnerian repertoire.

My dear readers, everything points to the fact that our present fiscal policy, or want of it, is on its last legs. Assailed from all sides, by Tariff Reformers in the interest of our home producers, by Social Reformers in the interest of the unemployed, by the Labour Party in the interest of the "right to work," by the Free Traders in the interest of their own labour, and by the Navy League in the interest of the standard power, which Mr. Asquith supports, it cannot possibly raise the money required and give the reforms demanded. The Free Trade Union realise this, and therefore, know they are fighting in the last ditch, and in future it is the duty of all Tariff Reformers to meet their present strenuous efforts to avoid the unavoidable by more strenuous efforts to express their economic fallacies and theoretical pitfalls.

With that end in view, I want my readers to forward me any Free Trade Union literature which in any way disturbs or perplexes them, so that I may be given an airing in this column with a view to the presentation of the other side. As a beginning let us look at Leaflet 31, "Protection and Low Wages." In this leaflet we find the wages of 13 skilled trades in the United Kingdom and Germany, but not a word about the U.S.A. We are told the average is 36s. in the United Kingdom and 22s. 6d. in Germany. Well, let us see. The third abstract of foreign labour statistics given to the comparison which follows for 1904, being the average of eight trades—bricklayers, masons, carpenters, plumbers, plasterers, painters, slaters, cabinet makers—and taking the highest and the lowest wages in each trade, U.S.A., 44 1/2c. 94c.; United Kingdom, 21 1/2s. 32s.; Germany, 21 1/2s. 61d. Well, the Free Trade Union tell us why they omitted the U.S.A.?

On the same leaflet we are told that the hours are shorter in the United Kingdom than in the U.S.A. or Germany. Well, here are the facts out of the same publication. Taking again the same trades and averaging highest and lowest hours in each trade for 1904 we get the following result:—U.S.A., 48.9 hours per week; United Kingdom, 51.1 hours; and Germany, 54.8 hours. These figures are to quote the leaflet—"taken from the 'Publications of the Board of Trade,' and are evidently much more recent than those of the unnamed publication used by the Free Trade Union. Could we get them up to date we should find that while the difference between us and Germany at the date whatever it is—quoted by them was 13s. 6d. per week and has been dropped to 9s. 9d., it would now be not more than 5s.; while the difference in hours would also be much less than in 1904, and yet we are asked to believe the United Kingdom is gaining on the U.S.A., and going further ahead of Germany.

Leaflets 125 and 93 ask, "Who pays the taxes?" and "Is it possible to tax the foreigner?" and leaflet 97, "The Truth about the Coal Tax," yields the answer, "Yes, we can tax the foreigner." On that leaflet we are told the coal tax diminished miners' wages, and diminished wages on railways, docks, shipping and every industry where the carriage and delivery of coal give employment. I can ask why Mr. Asquith replies, because of the competition in Europe with European coal we could only hold our markets by paying the tax ourselves. And, yet we read, "Taxes on imported goods are paid for by those who buy them." If the Free Trade Union will tell us which leaflet to believe—125 or 97—the one which says the consumer pays, or the one which declares the producer pays, we shall know where we stand.

By-the-by, a correspondent informs me that on applying for their leaflets he could not get No. 97. Perhaps it is withdrawn like No. 102 during the Newcastle bye-election. And yet another, "Five Fiscal Fallacies," a 2d. booklet of the F.T.U. It is comic to absurdity. Only to take the first, "Tariff Reform means more work and wages." On pages 7 and 8 we are informed, "A tariff is an Act of Parliament, nothing more. So the claim (of Tariff Reformers) amounts to this, you can create work and increase wages merely by passing an Act of Parliament. It is surely quite obvious, you can do nothing of the kind." I wonder what Mr. Lloyd George thinks about that? The Patents Act "is an Act of Parliament, nothing more," and what the F.T.U. have been doing to allow the Patents Act would provide work and wages for thousands of British workers, when "it is surely obvious it can do nothing of the kind," my comprehension. Poor Lloyd George! or should it be chuckle-headed F.T.U.?

Let us examine this "fallacy" in the light of "Board of Trade Paper 185," issued last June for a halfpenny. From France, U.S.A., Belgium, and Germany we imported in 1907, £60,000,000 worth of competing manufactures and could only sell them £77,000,000 of our manufactures. Suppose an Act of Parliament was passed imposing the same tariffs on their manufactures as they impose on ours, and thus excluding that balance against us of £22,000,000, and that we had worked and wages at 25 per cent the year round for nearly 150,000 workers? Mind you, all that the

Tariff Act would do would be to apply the principle of the Patents Act to non-patented articles, and therefore "would not infringe the eternal principles of Free Trade," to quote the supporters of the Patents Act.

How many of my readers know that in 1907 we imported from those four countries £253,300,000 worth of their work and wages as embodied in their products, and they only bought £108,000,000 worth of our work and wages as embodied in our products, and yet that is a fact called from the same report, No. 185. That is one of the blessings of free cosmopolitanism, so far as our own markets are concerned, and other countries being concerned, is to give us employment for 1,000,000 workers at £53 per year, and to give them employment for 2,400,000 the same wages. And the F.T.U. tell us imports are paid for by exports, and to stop imports except when they come under the Patents Act is to lessen employment. And I agree, but whose employment?

We often hear it said that one of the blessings of Free Trade here is cheap sugar. An examination of Parliamentary Paper No. 322 (price of sugar) does not support this view. In 1907, on March 1, the price of sugar, retail, was as follows:—London 2d. per lb., Paris 1d., and Berlin 1d.; the duties were: London nearly 1d. per lb., Paris nearly 1d., and Berlin 1d. Therefore, if we deduct the duty we get the following prices:—London 1d. per lb., Paris 1d., and Berlin 1d. These sugars are the same to be the kinds most largely used by the working classes at each place, and we thus see that the real price of sugar is as cheap, or cheaper, on the Continent than here.

To those who believe in nationalisation of railways the following facts will be of value. The Swiss Federal Railway Council has just issued its budget for 1909, and a deficit of £230,000 is expected, with the result that trains are being discontinued to the great dissatisfaction of the travelling public, and they are increasing the number of direct trains and the wages of the workers by millions of francs. The cost of working is now 70 per cent of receipts. The Prussian State Railways are expected to produce a deficit of £5,000,000, and that in spite of the increase of the carrying charges. Evidently they have something to learn in both countries before they reach the excellent conditions of our much-abused system.

From the local taxation returns we learn that the municipal trading of urban councils in 1905-6 made £59,000 profit and £330,000 loss. Poor old ratepayer!

Has any reader seen Mr. Mond's reply to Mr. Bagley? If so, please send it on. I am interested in the F.T.U. treasury, the Free Trade for every body, but Protection for myself attitude.

Perhaps Mr. J. M. Robertson, M.P., the Free Trade Boanerges, will tell us what he thinks of the crushing exposure by "Numerius" of his misstatements re unemployment in Germany and U.S.A. Perhaps.

"End or Amend the House of Lords," a penny pamphlet by H. Theo. is a fair sample of a certain type of politician on this question. After regaling his readers with some spicy particulars of seven great families, he says, "It has been proved conclusively that the House of Lords is wrong in principle." The truth is he doesn't even display an understanding of the question.

## BUCKLAND JUNIOR.



A correspondent asks, "What is a devil-fish?" This name, as well as several others, is often applied to the eagle-ray, but at the same time the eagle-ray is frequently so called, as are also the gigantic cuttlefishes. In British waters about a dozen species of ray have been found, but some of these are only local or casual visitors. The eagle-ray, "skate" as it is more commonly known, is probably conveyed more to the public mind than the word "ray," the common skate being the most numerous of the family. The eagle-ray already referred to is the largest, and specimens have been caught weighing over 1,000lb. The rays are large, flattened, and angular (if such a term may be used) fishes, with a tail which is either reduced to a mere vestige or developed into a long, whip-like thong. This tail is no longer used as an aid to swimming, but the pectoral or breast fins are of large size and very powerful, to make up for this deficiency.

The common skate is of a pale grey with black spots, and is almost white below, speckled with black. On its tail it has three rows of thorn-like tubercles and two fins. Many specimens weighing over 300lb. have been taken off our coasts. It is a ground feeder, and most of its time is spent at the bottom. It feeds on fishes and crustaceans.

All the rays, with one exception, possess, like the skate, a coating of spines or tubercles. On account of this one of them, although not so thickly clothed as another—the starry ray—is known as the thornback. In this there is a row of tubercles running down the centre of the back to the tail and four other patches on the back. In colour it is darker than the skate and mottled on the upper surface.

All the rays possess electric organs, but the one in which this electric power is highest is known as the torpedo or numbfish, and it is able to give a shock sufficiently strong to stun the fishes upon which it feeds. It may be compared to the round-headed head of the shark and rays. Even more formidable than the power of electrocution possessed by the tor-

pedo is a saw-edged dagger with which the tail of the sting-ray is furnished. The tail is very long and thin.

Last week I gave a note on some flightless birds, which, in compensation for this loss of flight, as it were, have developed great running powers. Another bird which has lost the power of flight, and been enriched in another more suitable manner, is the penguin. Here the wing has been transformed into a miniature paddle, and its swimming powers increased thereby. The wing-bones are flattened, and there are no true quill-feathers. With this blade-like paddle they make their way through the water, both on and below the surface. At times, too, when pressed, they serve as an extra pair of legs, the bird progressing on all fours. As a rule, however, and as is no doubt generally known, the penguin stands erect with its wings close to its side, and looking very much like a soldier standing at "attention."

Besides the changes in the wings referred to, the legs and feet have also undergone a change. Owing to diminished use they have shortened. They are stout, and the broad feet are furnished with three stout webbed toes in front, and a small hind toe on the inside. Owing to the change in the feathers they present, especially the wings, a peculiar appearance. This has been caused by the enlargement of the shaft and the decrease in the size of the vane. The penguin's chief food consists of small fish, crustaceans and the like, and a little vegetable matter by way of a change. They breed in large colonies; the nest is sometimes a burrow, or a collection of twigs and stones. In some cases no nest is made, and the "sitting" occurs in the open ground, the bird keeping the one or two eggs between the feet and abdomen. The male and female share the duties of incubation. The young are clothed in a thick down and are fairly active, but unable at first to feed themselves. They obtain their nourishment therefore by thrusting their bills into the mouths of their parents, who disgorge into them. During this, the breeding season, the adults are very courageous, and besides attacking their own kind with bill and wing they serve human beings in the same manner.

There are about 16 species of penguin, ranging in size from that of a wild duck to the largest, the Emperor penguin, standing about 3ft. high, and weighing 500lb. Although almost entirely confined to the Southern Hemisphere, they have a wide range. In the Antarctic region they are the chief animal life, while they are also found round the coasts of South America, Australia, New Zealand, the Falkland Islands, and South Africa. Their breeding places are generally, however, on remote islands far from human habitation.

The additions to the Zoological Gardens for the week ending Nov. 15 include:—Mammals: A Central American squirrel, 2 Paradise parrots, 1 common hedgehog, and 1 smooth-headed capuchin. Birds: 1 Maximilian anseri and 1 tawny owl. Reptiles, etc.: 9 Indian cobras, 2 golden teals, and a collection of stick insects.

## OLD IZAAK.



Thames anglers have fared as well as could be expected of late, although there are no great catches to record. Sport should now speedily improve, particularly after the trawling of the pike and perch, especially if the weather becomes more seasonable, as a thick fog is a great enemy to the fish.

is good reason to hope it may. There are still too many floating leaves to please the angler, but these will quickly disappear, when spinning or live baiting should take some good fish. The roach have been off feed at most seasons, but a few nice ones have been landed in the tidal portion of the river. Better reports of the sea fishing reach me from south-eastern stations, and good takes should have been secured at the pier competition last week in connection with the Deal and Walmer festival. At Ramsgate Mr. S. Thatcher, Mr. C. L. Wright (Oglander A.S.), and Mr. J. A. Crumple, piloted by the veteran Stephen Penny, had a nice catch of silver whiting and other fish, Mr. Thatcher having the largest fish, the heaviest bag. Several other anglers fared well in the vicinity, in spite of a choppy sea. The "catch of the season," probably so far, was that of Mr. C. W. Johnson (B.S.A.S.), of the Fountain Hotel, Margate, and Mr. Hayman, who, fishing off the Longshore Rock, near Margate, landed 10 score of colling, weighing 320lb. together. The best competition of the British Sea Anglers' Society concludes to-day at Deal, and the Folkestone Festival pier competition is on to-day and to-morrow, Nov. 22 and 23. Moderate seas and fair weather are all that is wanted for success.

Rarely has the Anglers' Benevolent Society had such a competition as that which took place on the Thames, from Leathers Ferry to Teddington Lock, on Sunday last, in which 418 anglers took part. Of these 161 brought nearly 145lb. of fish in all to the scales, the whole of the 52 prizes offered being taken. Messrs. S. and J. Dunn (Putney A.S.) and A. Heyman (Clapham Junction) were the three leading winners, with 5lb. 11c., 6lb. 10c. and 5lb. 7c. respectively (chiefly dace). Messrs. B. Bunton (Clapham Junction A.S.), H. Warren (Duke of Norfolk A.S.), and G. Hoare (Putney A.S.), following with lesser weights. The weighing in

took place at Mr. A. East's, the Pigeon's Hotel, Richmond, where every facility was afforded. Mr. W. H. Barber (sec.) being efficiently assisted by Messrs. C. Watling and G. Hunt at the scales, Messrs. F. H. Amphlett and H. Moore kindly acting as recorders.

That the tidal portion of the Thames holds a splendid head of fish goes without saying, and the portion selected for the competition provided the bank anglers with plenty of space. A greater weight of fish was taken at a similar competition in 1883, when Mr. H. Templeman (Walham Green A.S.) headed the list of successful anglers with nearly 115lb., but taken all round the match of Sunday last was as successful as any yet held by London anglers, and will largely add to the funds of the Benevolent Society. The most notable feature of the contest was the winning of the Carlton Cup, which deservedly fell to the members of the Putney A.S., by whom it has been won three times in succession, and is now their property in consequence. The Putney is a comparatively young society, but has some grand anglers in its ranks.

Seldom has so gratifying a report been presented to the members of the Birmingham and District Angling Society as that for the past quarter just issued, which shows a balance of £183 14s. in hand, an increase of £16 over the corresponding period of last year. The association has 190 branch societies, with 8,322 members in all, each member contributing one penny per quarter to its funds, which are well supplemented in other ways. It is admirably managed and constantly adding to its strength, a fact upon which its worthy president, Mr. T. Cole, and its committee and officers deserve to be congratulated.

Mr. T. Gilbert most genially presided over the recent "house supper" of the City of London Piscatorial Society, which was in every way worthy of the Mason's Hall Tavern. Numerous fishing reports were handed in, showing captures by river and some of the ponds, from the society's waters at Wraybury and elsewhere, Messrs. Merritt, Weston, Isaacs, Orpin and others being among the successful anglers. Mr. Orpin having a pike of over 10lb. The society has a roving competition for club on Tuesday next, Nov. 24, when a medal will be awarded for the three best fish, and a fine show may be expected. Mr. F. E. Lonsdale was the winner of the handsome punt rod given by F. J. Williams, which was duly presented to him from the chair. A "Ziemens" wood cutter was given by Mr. H. G. Lee for use in the society's waters, in addition to a splendid sea rod to be fished for later on. The proceeds closed with the usual toasts and thanks.

Among coming events must be noted the "Ladies' Night" of the Oglander Piscatorial Society, which takes place at their headquarters, the Oglander Hotel, Dulwich, on Thursday next, Nov. 26. Mr. G. Cartwright will be musical director, and a capital programme is in hand. The match between the Blackfriars and the Putney anglers in the final round of the competition for the Central Association Challenge Cup, to which exceptional interest now attaches, takes place on Sunday next, Nov. 29, whereat "Old Izak" has promised to be official referee. The arrangements are in the hands of the cup committee, of which Mr. J. J. Hobbs is hon. sec., who has very successfully piloted the previous contests through.

## THE TRAFFIC PROBLEM.

I've played many roles, but as yet (more's the pity!) I've never been cast for a king or a queen. Or one might have perchance driven right through the City With banners above and the roadway all clear. It's easy work then, for one's self is the traffic. And nobody else gets a share of the State horses aren't usually given to "maffick." And a motor's a thing one's not likely to meet.

But for us who are simply His Majesty's legs A ride into town is a test for the nerves. The motor-head ever one's gee-gee be-comes—He may possibly skid—if he doesn't, he serves.

Last Sunday down here we'd a mayoral parade on (The better the day sure the better the deed!) An ex-tradesman with red cloth and fur tie, laid on To regulate traffic there wasn't much need.

We'd police and we'd firemen, and gay military, With red plumes and helmets and blue pantalons, Looking nearly as gallant and almost as hairy As Du Challa's historic unmounted baboons.

Sleepmopder-on-Sea was en fete and all sanded. Her thoroughbred glimmed after chapel was out. And then, it is whispered, some sherry (unbranded) With nice little biscuits was handed about.

But in London one can't quite succeed down here. There are moments when language is apt to be rude. And even a "shoful" scarce knows how to steer. So last night to a blue book I turned in anxiety. Compiled by officials who forced me to hide My blunders, for really I thought their volubility Voluminous figures too sorely had tried.

One sentence I read, and that one sentence only—"Motor-traffic," the writer said, "causes no dirt." The fib was so barefaced, it kinder seemed lonely, So, for fear of another, I went away hurt.

Let's go back to the state of the primitive Eden. Abolish the omnibus, motor, and tram. Our forefathers had none, and sure, didn't need 'em. And the Eve of the day wasn't marred by a loom.

MADGE DE. MADGE. Nov. 17, 1908.

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## CHAPPED HANDS.

A Daily Peril.

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# THE HOME PAGE

## DRESS.

The short coat has vanished, and the little Eton that a few seasons ago represented the most popular mode of its class, has subsided in favour of the tight or semi-fitting costume-coat that just covers the hips or extends midway to the knees, and our old favourite now looks hopelessly out of fashion against the charms of the newer coat. Apart from its own intrinsic smartness, the latter has the advantage of concealing any discrepancy that may exist at the back of the waist, where the skirt to often parts company with the blouse, the hiatus being aggressively exposed by the Eton or bolero coat. Nothing gives a more untidy appearance to a girl's dress than the little fault hinted at, which is particularly liable to occur when the skirt is a heavy one.

To obviate the likelihood of untidiness at the waist-line, the correct skirt comes to the rescue better than anything else; another suggestion for the same purpose is the use of ribbon braces. When these are worn (and they are an excellent means of keeping the skirt high at the waist) the belt should be of folded ribbon to correspond. When the skirt fastens in front it is an easy matter to keep the waist neat by stitching the belt (which it is a leather one) to the waist of the skirt. The use of pins is often resorted to for keeping the skirt in place and preventing it dropping at the waist, but this is a



## IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

### STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

#### GUILDHALL.

##### CORRUPT PRACTICES ACT.

Under the Corrupt Practices Act, Saml. Harris, merchant of Barbican, appeared in answer to an adjourned summons charging him with having, on Oct. 7, offered to E. A. Cordell, a clerk in the service of Messrs. Oppenheimer, Blandford and Co., solicitors, of Cophall-avenue, the sum of £5 as an inducement to commit an act affecting his principals' affairs in business. Mr. Travers Humphreys, prosecuting, said Cordell was a clerk in a procurator's office, and his duties were to collect outstanding debts on behalf of German clients. Defendant was one of the persons he had to call upon, and it was left in his hands to adopt what course he thought fit for the recovery of money due. In July Cordell had to collect a sum of £45 from defendant. Mr. Harris made various excuses, and eventually, when Cordell called on Oct. 7, defendant suggested to him that he should write in the name of his firm to the German creditors stating that he (Harris) had gone away, "or was a bankrupt." If Cordell consented to this he (Harris) would pay him 25 per cent of the amounts realised on the goods. Cordell said he would consider the matter and went straight and told his employers, who communicated with the police. Acting under the instructions of Det. Newell, he called on defendant, and said he was willing to fall in with his suggestion, but required something on account. Defendant then gave him a cheque for £5.—Adjourned.

#### MANSION HOUSE.

##### STRANGE CHECK STORY.

A strange account of an alleged forged cheque was told when Robert Taylor, 18, well-dressed, was charged with forging and uttering a cheque for £700, drawn on Messrs. Robert Lambcock and Co., bankers, Lombard-st. At noon on Friday accused presented the cheque, purporting to be signed by a Mr. Mills, a customer of the bank, over the counter for payment. Mr. Freeman, the cashier, had his suspicions as to the genuineness of the signature, and Taylor was asked to take a seat and wait. The cheque was then drawn upon a plain sheet of paper, was referred to the bank manager. Subsequently Taylor was confronted with Det. Insp. Collinson, and to this officer, in explanation of his being in the possession of the cheque, he made a written statement, which he signed. Taylor said that for two years he had been employed by a bookmaker there, who, however, had gone away.

##### AN APPOINTMENT THAT FAILED.

In reply to an application for a birth as a clerk at an office at Finsbury-st., Strand, Taylor said on Friday morning he came to London from Birmingham. At Euston he was stopped by a well-dressed, clean-shaven man, who said, "I am Robert Taylor." He replied, "It is I." Then the stranger said, "Do you know where Lambcock & Co. is?" He (Taylor) answered, "Yes," and the stranger then handed him an envelope with directions to take it to the bank.—Det. Insp. Collinson said prisoner told him he had received on Thursday a letter telling him to come to London, and that the stranger went to whom he had referred represented that he was the person who sent it. Accompanied by prisoner, Collinson said he kept observations for 40 minutes at Euston Hotel in expectation of the man keeping an appointment he had made with prisoner, but he did not put in an appearance.—Remanded.

#### BOW-STREET.

##### ALLEGED BANK FRAUD.

Serious charges were preferred against Hugh Weston Dering, 45, described as an inventor, of Charing Cross-rd., and Arthur Fdk. Burckett, 17, ledger clerk, of Richmond-avenue, Wimbledon—namely, with conspiracy, and with obtaining £200 by false pretences from the London and County Bank, New Oxford-st.—Chief Det. Insp. Bower stated on Friday he saw Dering in Charing Cross-rd. Witness, who was accompanied by P.C. Pearce, said: "We are police officers. I hold a warrant for your arrest for conspiring with Arthur Fdk. Burckett to defraud the London and County Bank of £200. You must come with me to Bow-st. Police Station." Dering replied: "I have a perfect answer to the charge." Later witness saw Burckett at his address at Wimbledon, and read the warrant.

##### HEMEL FOR HIS ARREST.

He held for his arrest. Burckett said: "I am not frightened." He was taken to Bow-st. Police Station and confronted with Det. Insp. Bower, who then read the warrant to both of them. Burckett said, "Yes." The other man repeated what he said on his arrest. While the charge was being entered Dering said: "Of course, you know Simpson is only my betting name. I had an account at the Union Bank years ago; thousands passed through it." In Dering's possession witness found £11 in gold and some moneys. At his address he found £10 in gold in a shaving soap tin. Witness found in a jacket pocket at Burckett's address a letter addressed to "H. W. Dering, Esq." It was closed, and witness opened it in the presence of both prisoners. The letter was handed to the magistrates, who read it as follows:—

Dear Mr. Dering,—As you know, I am suspended from the Bank. I am very short of cash, and shall be greatly obliged if you could send me a postal order at once, as I am quite broke.—Yours truly, A. F. BURCKETT.

Please write to this address. Get someone else to address envelope.

Prisoners remanded; bail refused.

##### CONSTABLE'S EXCITING CHASE.

At four o'clock in the morning Mr. P. Thomas, an engineer, was in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden when someone snatched his watch and chain, worth £10, and a sovereign containing £5 in gold. Seeing these things running away, prosecutor went in pursuit. The chase was

taken up by P.C. 433 E. Jones, the accused, it was alleged, promptly butted him in the stomach, knocking him over. The constable was speedily on his legs again, and in hot pursuit of prisoner, who in trying to put on a spurt in Wellington-st., clipped and fell. The policeman, it was further alleged, seized him just as he was in the act of throwing away prosecutor's watch, chain and sovereign purse.—Accused brought up and remanded.

#### THAMES.

##### ALLEGED YANKEE BURGLAR.

A remand was ordered in the case of Morris Kannmann, 22, an American, who was charged with committing a burglary at 102, Cannon-st.-rd., St. George's.—Early on Friday morning Det. Insp. Leeson and Det. Biggs noticed prisoner and another man loitering about Cannon-st.-rd., and the officers waited in the vicinity. Shortly before three o'clock they heard noise and then saw prisoner come out of the door of No. 170. He was without boots, and ran into Commercial-rd. He was followed and caught by Det. Biggs, but just before that was seen to drop a jemmy. The officers afterwards found an attempt had been made to enter No. 102, at the back, and in the yard they found a pair of boots. Det. Insp. Leeson afterwards said to accused, "I want you to try these boots on. I believe they are yours." Prisoner replied, "I won't give you any trouble. They are mine, and the jemmy is mine, also."—Adjourned.

#### WESTMINSTER.

##### A WOMAN'S LIFE.

Owing to the smartness of the driver of a van, Margaret Ballard, 29, of College-place, Chelsea, who was charged on remand with attempting suicide, was prevented from carrying out her intention. Accused threw herself down in Vauxhall Bridge-rd. at midnight in front of a pair of horses attached to a heavy van, but the driver cleverly avoided her, and she was uninjured. When assisted to her feet by Insp. Crocker, who witnessed the incident, she said she wanted to die, as she had had no food for two days, owed rent, and her husband was out of work. Mr. Barnett, the court missioner, said he had known the young woman for some years. She was the daughter of very respectable parents, who formerly lived at Southall, and had given them much trouble. She had been married three times, and was a widow before she was seventeen.

##### WIDOW BEFORE SHE WAS SEVENTEEN.

In 1904 a charge of attempting suicide was preferred, and since then she had made a most irregular life. Although repeated efforts had been made to influence her future, all had been disregarded, but even now she could be assisted if she wished it. Some 14 months ago she married for the third time, but the man had practically done no work since, and there could be no question as to how he had been maintained.—Prisoner said she could get on better without her husband, and would be glad if the magistrate would grant her a separation.—Again remanded.

#### MARYLEBONE.

##### ILLEGALLY ARRESTED.

Before Mr. Plowden was a well-dressed young man named Robert Leach, living at Rindlam-rd., Clapham, who was charged with the unlawful possession of a diamond, valued at £5 10s.—P.C. Powell said he received information that prisoner was trying to sell a diamond at the shop of Mr. Davis, Jeweller, of Queen's-rd., Baywater. He waited until he came out and then questioned him as to how he came by it. At first he said a friend, whom he had left on the road, had given it to him to sell. "I then asked him," said the officer, "if he could not give a more satisfactory answer."—Mr. Plowden: That might have been a very satisfactory answer if it were true.—Constable: Quite true. He then said he got the diamond from a friend in Cape Town.—Mr. Plowden: Why shouldn't he? He might take a Jeweller's shop and try to sell a diamond without being questioned in this way? What does the suspicion rest on?—Constable: His answers to my questions.—Mr. Plowden: But why should he answer any questions at all? There is no harm in a man trying to sell a diamond if it is his.—Constable: The Jeweller first gave me information about him.—Mr. Plowden: I don't see any ground for suspecting him. If you have no more against him than this I must discharge him.—No further evidence was offered.—The father of prisoner then stepped forward, and asked to be allowed to charge a complaint, but Mr. Plowden declined to do so, and ordered prisoner to be discharged. He also directed that the diamond should be returned to him.

#### NARBOROUGH-STREET.

##### EARLY MORNING ADVENTURE.

Elaborately clothed in furs Edna Beresford, 23, alias Varley, living in Oakley-st., Westminster, Bridge-rd., was charged with stealing about £3 4s., belonging to Mr. S. T. Wilmer, of St. James's-place, St. James's, S.W.—Prosecutor did not appear.—P.C. 135 C said early that morning he saw prisoner and prosecutor in St. James's-place. The latter said, "This woman has robbed me of £3 and £1, and I want to charge her." She retorted, "Don't talk and make a scene." She was given in charge, and at the police station said, "£3 4s. Not likely; he has not got it for me to take." She added to prosecutor, "That's a fine set out, considering I lent you a cabfare." She dropped £5. 7d. in the charge-room.—Discharged.

#### CLERKENWELL.

##### ECHO OF THE CAMDEN TOWN MURDER.

A young man, giving the name of Rbt. Roberts, was charged with trespassing upon the City and South London Tube Station, King's Cross. It was alleged that he was looting for luggage, in spite of warnings to keep away.—He said, in defence: "I gave evidence in the Camden Town Murder Case, and was working on the North Western Rly. as a cook on a dining car at the time, but it got about amongst my mates and went to the head officials that I was Roberts of the Camden Town case, and I was discharged on that ground. I have since been working at the docks, but there is no work lately, and so I went down to King's Cross to earn a shilling, not knowing there was any penalty for doing so.—Fined 7s., or seven days.

#### NORTH LONDON.

##### CLAPTON YOUTH MISSING.

Help in tracing his son was applied for by a bricklayer respecting Albert Edwd. Balls, aged 15, of 26, Presburg-st., Clapton, who has been missing from his home since Aug. 1. The missing son was working for a bootmaker in Well-st., Hackney. He received his weekly pay on Aug. 1 and made off. The police have traced him to Northampton and Bedford, where he endeavoured to enlist in the Army. About the middle of August one of his mates saw him at Prittlewell, Southend, to whom he stated that he was working for a travelling circus. Efforts have been made to trace him, but without result. He is 5ft. 2in. in height, has blue eyes, two scars on right eye-brow, and a large mole under one of his arms. When he left home he was wearing grey flannel suit, dark grey trousers, black cap, blue Oxford shirt, and lace boots. About 12 months ago he disappeared from home and was discovered in a Home in Whitechapel.

#### OLD-STREET.

##### A BARROW LOAD OF FURS.

In broad daylight on Friday Insp. Wensley, Det. Insp. Leeson and Det. Insp. Lee were in Whitechapel-rd. when they saw a man named Webb pushing a barrow containing three bulky sacks. Just a week previously the officers had been informed of a big robbery of furs at the premises of Messrs. Philip Rosenberg and Co., furriers, 91, Hanbury-st., Mile End New Town. Consequently they followed it for some distance and saw Abraham Friedman, a young man, and an old man named Lewis Rosenberg maintaining a close connection with the trundler of the barrow. Friedman and Rosenberg were known to be greengrocers, and the officers marvelled somewhat that greengrocers should be so concealed. When Webb was stopped and questioned as to what he had on the barrow, he replied that he was pushing it for Friedman. Rosenberg, seeing the halt, attempted to leave the scene of investigation, but was brought back. Friedman then said: "It's all right; they're furs." Questioned further, Friedman replied: "I'm partner with that man (pointing to Rosenberg). We bought them (the furs) from a man who has gone away."—Remanded.

##### ROBBERY ON A TRAIN-CAR.

Rosenberg was then asked what he had to say, and answered: "Yes, they're all right. We are going to sell them again." The officers informed the men that they would have to go to the adjacent police station, and they were accordingly conducted thither. A third man, whom the police knew well, had in the meantime jumped on to a passing tram-car and escaped. This man had been seen in conversation with prisoners when they were first observed. At the station the sacks were found to contain a large number of furs, and 40 muffs, valued at nearly £200. All were identified as part of the proceeds of the burglary on Messrs. Rosenberg's premises in Hanbury-st., when nearly £200 worth of furs were taken.—When formally charged with being concerned in the burglary, and with receiving stolen property, prisoners made no reply.—Prisoners were remanded, bail being refused.

#### LAMBETH.

##### THE CAUSEWAY SCENE.

Three months' hard labour each was the sentence passed on Jas. Carpenter, 19, market porter, and Alice King, 23, landlady, charged on remand as suspected persons, attempting to rob a man on the causeway near 13 P.C. Box on the night of Nov. 13. On the night of Nov. 13 P.C. Box saw a plain clothes officer in the Newington Causeway when he saw Carpenter speak to a gentleman named Garston, who was under the influence of drink, and surrounded by some children to whom he was giving copper. Carpenter took Garston towards the Elephant and Castle, where King joined them, and the three walked down the Walworth-rd. They turned down a court known as Ventry-place. The officer followed and noticed that King had her right arm around Garston's neck, and her left hand inside his waistcoat. Carpenter was standing on the man's right-hand side with his arm around him.—It was now stated by P.C. Jarvis that on July 27 King was sentenced, at North London, to three months' hard labour for larceny from the person, after previous convictions, and Det. Insp. Duke said that in January, at Lambeth, Carpenter was bound over on a charge of being concerned in the theft of an overcoat from outside a shop.

#### TOWER BRIDGE.

##### BETTING HOUSE RAID.

A Rotherhithe raid, in which a police inspector was mistaken for a bookmaker, was described when Fdk. Henley, 42, carriage cleaner, was charged on remand with keeping a betting-house at 271, Rotherhithe New-rd.; Louisa Henley, 32, his wife, and Horat. Medcalf, 18, navvender, of New James-st., Nunhead, were charged with assisting in the management of the house; Wm. Terr, 28, carriage cleaner, of Wessanct-st.; Camberwell, Arthur Terry, 19, carriage cleaner, of Parfitt-rd.; Bernardsey, Sidney Ramsden, 21, labourer, of Lynton-rd.; Bermondsey, and Hy. Geo. Stone, 38, labourer, of St. James's Bermondsey, were charged with aiding and abetting. Mr. Barker (prosecuting) stated that P.S. Shuttleworth and P.C. Elliott kept observation upon the premises, and found that an extensive betting business was done there on behalf of a bookmaker named Birkett, of Albert-rd., Nunhead. From Nov. 1 to 12 the officers

saw the Henleys and Medcalf receive between them at least 150 betting slips.

##### WHAT THE POLICE FOUND.

A search warrant was obtained by Sub-div. Insp. Bruce, and the seven defendants were found upon the premises and arrested. Four betting slips were discovered in a sealed envelope addressed to Birkett, and 18 others were under Medcalf's chair. £1 18s. 6d. in silver was in a cup on the mantelpiece, and there were a number of racing cards bearing Birkett's initials. The four defendants charged with aiding and abetting entered the house while the three officers were searching it, and the police were mistaken for the bookmaker, and received three bets from them. (Laughter.)—Insp. Bruce, having given evidence, Turk, Terry, Ramsden, and Stone were released on their undertaking not to frequent betting-houses for the next 12 months, or to forfeit £5 each in default. The inspector on behalf of the remaining three defendants, Mr. Budden observed that the witness did not look like a bookmaker, although he acted the part very successfully on this occasion. He had not the "horsey look" which bookmakers affected.—Magistrate: A bookmaker need not have a "horsey" appearance.—Mr. Budden: Most of them have. Insp. Bruce looks more like a comedian playing juvenile lead. (Laughter.)—Fdk. Henley was fined £20 and £3 3s. costs, Medcalf was fined £10, and the woman was discharged.

#### GREENWICH.

##### MASTER AND MAID.

Allegations, which were uncorroborated, were made against Rd. Quittington, landlady of the King of Prussia public-house, Albany-st., Deptford, who was summoned by Florence Sale, of Fingal-st., East Greenwich, in respect to the maternity of her child.—Complainant said her child, a girl, was born on June 7. She had been in the employ of defendant as servant for about four months, leaving at the end of September, 1907. Defendant, she alleged, was intimate with her after the birth of Sunday, Aug. 25, 1907, but never since. On discovering her condition a week later she told defendant, who gave her half a crown to go to a chemist's, telling her to "keep it quiet." She had not spoken to defendant since she left. Her mother wrote to him, and received a reply through a solicitor.—Mr. Gill: Have you any witnesses? Complainant: No, for I was alone. He asked the magistrate, and I did so.—At the magistrate's suggestion, defendant was sworn. He declared that he was "absolutely innocent," and that there had never been immoral relations between complainant and himself.—Dismissed.

#### STRATFORD.

##### PREACHER'S DOUBLE LIFE.

A story of deception practised on a young domestic servant by a married man, who was a speaker at Salvation Army meetings, was told when Gustave J. Day, of the Iron Foundry, Hatfield-st., E.C., was summoned by Nellie Springett to show cause, etc., respecting her child.—Defendant did not appear, and Mr. Medcalf, for complainant, said that in April, 1907, she was in domestic service, and met Day, who told her that he was second in command on one of the White Star liners.

##### UNDER A PROMISE OF MARRIAGE.

and that he would leave that occupation, intimacy took place, and in October a female child was born. During the time that complainant was familiar with defendant she learned that he was in the habit of speaking at Salvation Army meetings at Brentford, and that he had many letters from her, and that he was married. Defendant, as a matter of fact, who worked at an iron foundry, was a married man with six children. On his wife hearing of his carrying-on with complainant she applied for, and was granted, a separation, defendant being ordered to pay her 12s. a week alimony. On that occasion complainant gave evidence, and for the first time learned that he was married.—Complainant, a well-spoken young woman, who lives at Manby-rd., Leyton, bore out her solicitor's statement, and said that defendant had written to her suggesting a settlement out of court.—Defendant was ordered to pay 1s. per week, and 2s. 6d. costs.

#### WILLESDEN.

##### ON HER WEDDING DAY.

Described as a needlewoman, Nellie Brown, 28, of Clarendon-st., Pimlico, was charged with abetting at High-rd., Kilburn, the previous night.—Two constables, on special duty in plain clothes, at midnight said they saw prisoner stopping men. She stopped one of the constables and asked if he would go home with her. He took no notice, and afterwards saw her stop other men and then arrested her.—Accused strongly denied the charge, and said the police had made a mistake. She was engaged to be married and the wedding was to have taken place that very day.

#### HER FIANCÉ.

was a clerk in the public offices and she came from Pimlico the previous night to see him about the arrangements. She had not sent for him yet as she did not desire him to know of the terrible charge brought against her. She now, however, desired that her sweetheart should be communicated with and that the case should be adjourned for her statements to be inquired into.—The magistrate, in ordering a remand, said if bail was allowed it must be very substantial. It was not forthcoming when the court rose.

#### BRENTFORD.

##### A LADY'S DELUSIONS.

Stepping into the witness-box, a middle-aged well-dressed woman, who is thought to be suffering from delusions, told the magistrate that she had been grossly insulted and abused by people from a firm of illusionists. She stated that they came to her home and asked her to reveal her innermost thoughts first. Continuing, applicant said I told them several things, and of course I expected to come into some money, but of course I did not get it.—Magistrate: Well! Then they put me in a

coffin, and the next thing was that I found a cord tied round my waist. Not only that, but I was taken into a great house and awfully ill-treated.—You ought not to have let them touch you.—But I could not help myself. They waved their hands in front of my eyes, and threw chloroform or something over me, which prevented my resisting.

##### "TAKEN TO A BIG HOUSE."

In the course of a further statement applicant said that she had been stripped of her clothing and made to stand by the side of a coffin. Agents of "these people" were constantly concealing themselves under her bed, and had been haunting her for years. Several people living in Haliburton-rd., Isleworth, had yielded her, chloroformed her, and taken her to a big house. Five years ago, she added, she was taken to the house of a well-known doctor and drugged by a dozen secret agents. The magistrate said the bench could not do anything for the applicant, as the case was not one for that court.

#### INQUESTS.

##### BRAVE BOY'S FAREWELL.

"Cheer up, mum; I shall be down in about half an hour," said Edward Alfred Leathe, aged 12, to his mother just before undergoing an operation which proved fatal. Deceased was the son of a coach painter, of Soanest-st., Peckham, and died in the Metropolitan Hospital, while under chloroform. At the inquest the mother stated that the boy had suffered from bowel trouble for a long time. He had been attended at the Gordon and Metropolitan Hospitals, and on Nov. 2 was admitted to the latter institution, undergoing an operation. He had not the slightest fear of the operation, and treated it as lightly as though he was going to have his hair cut.—Dr. Vosper, junior house physician at the hospital, stated that the boy died before he was properly under the influence of the chloroform. That anaesthetic was chosen as being most suitable by the surgeon. If either had been given in this case it would have been dangerous, that chloroform. The autopsy showed that deceased had a very large thymus gland situated just above the heart, which weighed 10z. instead of about one-sixth of an ounce. The boy had two very rare conditions, which probably they would never see again in the hymus gland and the condition of the bowel.—The mother expressed herself as satisfied with what had been done.—Verdict: Death by misadventure.

##### NEW RIVER MYSTERY.

Scandal while of uncorroborated mind was the verdict at an inquest held by Mr. F. D. Thomas on Caroline Rhoda Wren, 50, of independent means, residing at Victoria-rd., Stroud Green, N., who was found dead in the New River, near Finsbury Park.—The evidence showed that Mr. Howard, residing in Endymion-rd., Finsbury Park, was entering his side gate on Tuesday night, when something caught him by the shoulder, and he found that it was an umbrella with a bag attached hanging in some ivy over the gate. The towing path of the New River was at the bottom of the garden, and he went there to see if anybody was. He could see nobody, but afterwards found marks leading to the New River. The next morning the river was dragged, and the body of deceased was found. According to deceased's landlady, the woman had not been very well for some time. On Tuesday just before she left home she was somewhat excited, and complained that she had not slept well for some nights.

##### WIDOW'S FATAL BURNS.

An inquest was held at Puddington by Dr. Thomas on Ellen Lightfoot, 58, widow, who kept a boarding-house in Albion-st., Hyde Park, and who died in St. Mary's Hospital from extensive burns.—Jesse Stone, a maid, said that she found deceased sitting on the stairs apparently severely injured. She told witness that she had lighted a candle and her nightdress had caught fire.—Verdict of accidental death was returned.

##### TERRIBLE EAST-END STORY.

At an inquest held at Poplar on Jas. Kemp, 69, of Maroon-st., the wife of a dock labourer, said deceased lodged in a room at her house. On Friday week he paid her 9d. on account of the week's rent. On Sunday he seemed very ill, and on Monday, not hearing him about, she knocked at his door, and he replied, "All right." On Thursday deceased was removed to the sick asylum and died the same day.—Muss Marsh stated that deceased was in a terrible condition when brought to the asylum. He said he had been living in an empty room, and had had no food for many days.—Dr. Sparrell, medical superintendent, deposed that the deceased complained of "hunger," and gradually sank and died. Death was due to tuberculosis accelerated by want of food and self-neglect.—The coroner recalled the landlady, who said the only furniture in deceased's room was an old chair, a broken bedstead, and a frying pan.—The coroner said he had been informed that five years ago he held an inquest on the woman with whom deceased was living, and the man was severely censured for neglecting her.—Verdict in accordance with the medical evidence.

##### DEATH FROM GRIEF.

Wife buried on Monday; husband dead on Thursday. These were the sad facts revealed at an inquest held by Mr. Baxter on Jas. Ellwood, 35, of Soanest-rd., Bow.—On Monday deceased buried his wife, and had been greatly upset ever since, and had been continually fretting. On Thursday he entered the bar of the White Hart public-house, in Old Ford-rd., and called for a drink. He placed the tankard on the mantelpiece and directly afterwards fell to the floor. The landlady picked him up, and set him down in a little chair. Deceased complained of pains in the head, and his son was sent for, who took him home on a barrow, where he died.—Dr. Bama deposed that death was due to the breaking of a blood vessel in the brain, probably accelerated by fretting over the loss of his wife.—Verdict accordingly.

#### BARMAID'S ACTION.

##### PLEADS HER OWN CASE IN BREACH SUIT.

The novelty of a fair plaintiff conducting her own case in a breach of promise action attracted an interested crowd to Justice Coleridge's court.—Plaintiff was Miss Minnie Tottle, a barmaid, and defendant, who was represented by Mr. Clarke Hall, was Mr. Manuel Rodriguez Amerigo, a Spaniard.—The lady conducted her case with considerable ability, and in her opening address to the jury showed great confidence and a good flow of language.—Miss Tottle then went into the witness-box, and said that amongst the places at which she had



MISS MINNIE TOTTLE.

been engaged as barmaid were the Charing Cross Hotel, London Bridge Tavern, Cape of Good Hope, Albany-st., Regent's Park, and the Wheat-sheaf, Edgware-rd.—Met in Liverpool-st.—Coming to the story of her meeting with the Spaniard, Miss Tottle said that she first met defendant in Liverpool-st., King's Cross, in 1904. The Spaniard followed her about a great deal, and at length she complained to a policeman that he was molesting her. Defendant then told her that he admired her beauty, and asked her if she was an actress. He said he had a lovely tenor voice. He offered to train her voice and give her lessons in singing. She accepted his offer, and he asked her to bring some music with her. The following day she went to the Spaniard's rooms in Liverpool-st., King's Cross, and took with her a song entitled "Come, birdie, come, and live with me."

##### THE SONGS.

She sang this song over to him, and afterwards he was in the habit of standing outside her apartments and whistling "Come, birdie, come." On the night she first sang the song at his rooms he gave her some port and stout mixed, which made her feel very drowsy. The next day he told her not to worry, because he was in love with her, and wanted to marry her. When, three months later, she told him she expected to become a mother, he bought drugs for her. After that they lived together in Liverpool-st., King's Cross, and in August, 1905, a child was born. The infant died, and plaintiff was so ill that she had to go to the Great Northern Hospital. Defendant sent her to Brighton, and she stayed there till last December, defendant paying £1 a week for her board and lodging. At a week for her board and lodging.

##### THE OTHER WOMAN.

One day she saw him on the front at Brighton with another woman. She went up to him, and called him a blackguard. The woman with him ran away. Defendant summoned her before the magistrates for threatening to shoot him. She told the magistrates she did not know how to use a pistol, and if "I saw one I



MR. MANUEL RODRIGUEZ AMERIGO.

should run away." The summons was dismissed, the magistrates commenting on the non-appearance of defendant's lady friend.—In cross-examination Miss Tottle said, when the child was born defendant seemed very ill. He said it was "so like his father." The night she met defendant in Liverpool-st. he had a Mr. Ascher with him. She was carrying a jug of beer and some fried fish and potatoes. She was surprised to find defendant had a bed-sitting-room.

##### Port Wine and—

—Do you suggest you were drugged? I was very sleepy indeed. I think there was something more than port wine in the glass.—Have you ever stayed at the Metropolitan, Brighton, with a Mr. England? No. We were at the Great Eastern Hotel, before I met defendant. Mr. England took me to Brighton for the day, and we lunched at the Metropole.—Mr. Amerigo, the defendant, in the witness-box, denied he ever promised to marry the lady. He is a dark-haired, clean-shaven man, and described himself as a tobacco dealer and an agent in the fruit trade, living in Burton-crescent, Russell-sq. He admitted meeting plaintiff in Liverpool-st. She spoke to him, and offered him a drink from a jug she was carrying. He went into his room, and was playing the Inter-mezzo from "Cavalleria-Rusticana" when plaintiff came into his room, and after saying she was pleased at his playing, kissed him affectionately. "I was very much surprised," said witness.—After two hours' deliberation the jury returned a verdict for defendant.

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#### BILE IN HER BLOOD.

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## EDUCATION BILL.

## NEW PROPOSALS EXCITE HOSTILITY.

## NOBODY SATISFIED.

Yesterday the text of the new Education Bill was issued, and below will be found the main provisions of the measure. A "People's" representative who interviewed several leaders of various religious bodies after the text had been published learnt that the proposals will be subjected to much hostile criticism in the Commons, no party being enamoured of them. High Churchmen express strong disapproval of the clauses, while militant Nonconformists state their intention of using every endeavour to prevent the measure reaching the Statute Book.

## Provided Schools.

Clause 1.—Under this clause rate and will be confined to schools provided by a local education authority. In schools so provided no teacher may be subjected to religious tests or required to give religious instruction.

The first three-quarters of an hour of each school day is to be set apart for religious instruction, in conformity with the Cwper-Temple clauses, provided by the authority for any child whose parent desires him to receive it.

No fee may be charged in provided schools except in special cases where the Board of Education consent on national grounds. A duty is imposed on the local education authority to provide free accommodation in public elementary schools for all children resident in their area whose parents desire such accommodation for them. No child may be compelled to attend a school not provided by the authority.

## Religious Instruction.

Clause 2 provides for the affording of facilities in provided schools for denominational instruction from 9 o'clock to 9.45 a.m. on two mornings in the week to those children whose parents desire them to receive it; but no part of the cost of the giving of such instruction may be borne by the authority.

Assistant teachers in all schools may volunteer to give religious instruction under this clause if they are permitted by the local education authority to do so. A teacher, who is now head teacher of a voluntary school which is transferred under the Act, may volunteer to give this religious instruction, subject to the permission of the authority, so long as he holds his present appointment, or, if he obtains an appointment as head teacher in any other transferred voluntary school, for five years after the passing of the Bill.

The local authority may not withhold permission unless the teacher's services are required for the general conduct of the school.

Payment is to be made to the authority in respect of the time spent by the teacher in giving this instruction.

Any question arising as to the obligation of the local education authority to give effect to the provisions of the clause is to be determined by the Board of Education.

## Non-Provided Schools.

Clause 3 prescribes the conditions under which a school not provided by the local education authority may be recognised as a public elementary school and thus share in the parliamentary grant.

The school must not be a school in a single school parish; there must be at least 30 children in attendance; it must satisfy the conditions of the code, and must attain an equal standard of efficiency as regards teaching staff, school premises, and secular instruction, with provided schools.

The school must belong to an association recognised by the Board of Education for the purpose, and the parliamentary grant will be paid to the association according to the scale prescribed by the First Schedule. No association will be recognised unless it is an association of schools of a certain denomination for the whole of England and Wales.

Clause 4 gives power to the owners of an existing voluntary school subject to charitable trusts to transfer the school by agreement to the local education authority, and to the authority to accept the transfer of an existing voluntary school, on any terms as to payment and tenure that may be agreed upon so long as the user thereby obtained is sufficient for the purposes of a public elementary school.

The terms of existing transfers, so far as they are not in conformity with those permitted by the Bill, are to be modified accordingly.

Clause 5 provides that if the owners of a voluntary school have under charitable trusts are unable or unwilling to carry on the school as a certified efficient school (which term includes a public elementary school recognised under clause 3), the school may be transferred to the local education authority by order of the Board of Education, who may then determine the use of the building.

A transfer is to be, at the option of the owners, either

(a) A transfer of the whole interest of the owners.

(b) A transfer conditional on the local education authority placing the schoolhouse at the disposal of the owners ready for use on Saturdays and Sundays.

(c) A limited transfer for such hours as are necessary for the purposes of public education.

Clause 7 gives power to a local education authority to establish a religious instruction committee, to whom questions as to the syllabus of religious instruction provided by the authority will stand referred.

## VIEWS ON THE BILL.

Public opinion on the Bill, so far as it was possible yesterday to gauge it, was divided into two camps, one of which is not inclined to purchase peace at the price, as they put it, of concessions, whilst the other is fully prepared to make a sacrifice in order to gain a settlement. It is felt that moderate men on both sides make their voices heard with undiminished strength during the next few days the Bill may be accepted, but that, on the other hand, if the extremists get the upper hand, the measure is doomed.

## ATTITUDE OF CHURCHMEN.

The right of entry which is accorded under the Bill is regarded even by

some moderate churchmen as being bedevilled from the start with conditions to secure for it practical effect. Assistant teachers are to be permitted to give denominational teaching at the expense of the denomination, only if allowed to do so by the local authority, which, if unfavourable to denominational teaching, may plead that the services of the teacher on the general conduct of his school. It is contended that the qualifying provision "that permission must not be unreasonably withheld" has no practical value.

## HIGH CHURCH.

By High Churchmen the Bill is by no means favourably regarded. In fact, a considerable amount of opposition may be looked for from Lord Halifax and those who follow his lead. A determined effort will be made to get some of the proposals materially modified.

## ROMAN CATHOLIC.

Dr. Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, said, "Without feeling very hopeful, I trust that I shall be able to do within it the foundation of a peaceful settlement of the whole question of education. That is my earnest hope, and I am sure, the hope of every Catholic." Amidst the laity a far from optimistic feeling was prevalent, one prominent Catholic declaring that if the Bill passes they would not agree to the transfer of any of their schools.

## NONCONFORMIST.

Mr. Clement Edwards, M.P., interviewed yesterday, said: "To my mind the Bill is the most reactionary thing that has proceeded from any Government, Liberal or Conservative, in modern times, and is so gross a betrayal of all the principles we have been fighting for in recent years that, frankly, I should prefer to see the Government defeated rather than this measure passed. There is not a single Liberal member in England or Wales who would have been elected last time if he had told his constituents that he was going to support this measure."

Speaking at Wellingborough last evening, the president of the Primitive Methodist Connexion said he was only prepared to conciliate up to a given point, for they could not afford to sell their principles for a mere pot of pottage. Rather than sacrifice these it were better to die fighting.

## TEACHERS' PROTEST.

At a crowded meeting of the Executive of the National Union of Teachers last night resolutions were unanimously adopted emphatically protesting against the contracting-out of Voluntary Schools; against right of entry into Council Schools, and against the proposed transfer of the more religious because indirect—which are involved in the proposal that assistant teachers in Council Schools may be employed to give denominational religious instruction during school hours. The Executive reaffirmed the principles in this matter adopted by conference of the Union.

## "QUINTUPLE PHONIO."

LONDON MAN'S ALLEGED EXTENSIVE FRAUDS.

Yesterday, at the Exeter Police Court, Jan. Lawrence, of Aristotled, Clapham, and said to have addressed also at High-st., Bexley, and Clapham-rd., was brought up on a warrant, charged with obtaining £3,000 by false pretences from Geo. Holland Hyson Green, for arrears of maintenance under a separation order. —Complainant claimed £3,000, and said she had been married to defendant for years, there being one child. The case has been adjourned for the production of a letter which defendant asserted the defendant's solicitor (handing up a letter): Is this your handwriting? —Complainant: I cannot recognise it. —Did you married another man before defendant? I consider I married before. —Had you found out? —You know he is not your husband? —I don't know it, we have lived together ten years. I want the child.—Defendant's solicitor asserted the parties were not legally married. The woman's husband, he said, was alive until recently. Defendant was willing to support the boy, but alleged that the woman was not a good mother, and would take charge of him. They could prove, he said, that the incriminating letter was in the woman's handwriting and that she sent it to defendant's brother.—The case was further adjourned to enable defendant to bring additional evidence.

## A MARRIAGE DISPUTE.

ALLEGATIONS IN A NOTTINGHAM CASE.

Yesterday strange allegations were made at Nottingham in a case in which a well-dressed and good-looking woman summoned Geo. Holland Hyson Green, for arrears of maintenance under a separation order. —Complainant claimed £3,000, and said she had been married to defendant for years, there being one child. The case has been adjourned for the production of a letter which defendant asserted the defendant's solicitor (handing up a letter): Is this your handwriting? —Complainant: I cannot recognise it. —Did you married another man before defendant? I consider I married before. —Had you found out? —You know he is not your husband? —I don't know it, we have lived together ten years. I want the child.—Defendant's solicitor asserted the parties were not legally married. The woman's husband, he said, was alive until recently. Defendant was willing to support the boy, but alleged that the woman was not a good mother, and would take charge of him. They could prove, he said, that the incriminating letter was in the woman's handwriting and that she sent it to defendant's brother.—The case was further adjourned to enable defendant to bring additional evidence.

## LONDON RAILWAY MYSTERY.

A man named McDonald, 35, a son of 27, Phoenix Park-rd., Glasgow, was yesterday found on the railway line at York-rd. Station, King's Cross, in an unconscious condition, and with his right arm nearly severed from the body. He was removed to the Royal Free Hospital. How the man came on the line is a mystery. He had a ticket for Glasgow in his possession.

## MIDSHIP TO QUORN HUNT.

Yesterday a train dived into the Quorn Foxhounds while they were crossing the Midland Rly. near Ashby, Leicestershire. Two bounds of the famous pack were killed outright by the express, and others were injured. Three weeks ago the same pack were caught by an express, when one dog was killed.

The annual meeting of the British Empire League will be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, Dec. 15. The Lord Mayor is to preside, and the Duke of Devonshire will be one of the speakers.

## BURGLAR AND P.C.

## A DARING ATTACK AND ESCAPE.

A police-constable stationed at Hampstead has had a narrow escape from being murdered by a man suspected of having the intention to break into a church. Late on Friday night P.C. Heasman, of the F Division, a young officer who has only been in the force for about 18 months, following service with the Croydon Fire Brigade, went on duty. His beat included the London and Alexandra roads, the corner of which stands a church. As he always does by a constable when he comes on duty, Heasman proceeded to "mark" the church, and while doing this he found two men lying concealed amongst some shrubs in a plot of ground at the back of the building. Heasman at once went up to them, and they attempted to get away. One succeeded, and disappeared in the darkness, but the other held the other and proceeded to search him.

A Desperate Struggle.

Upon him he found a jenny and a pair of pliers, and told him that he would be taken into custody. The man said nothing at the time, and proceeded to walk quietly until about 300 yards had been covered. At that point, curious enough, Heasman and his prisoner had reached the house of one of the clergymen connected with the church outside which the man was captured, the Rev. G. Terry. Upon arriving there the man attempted to escape, and a desperate struggle ensued. Finding the man not yet produced a revolver he had been carrying in his sleeve and fired at the left side of the constable's helmet, cutting the cloth, the second missed the officer altogether, the third struck something in his pocket, the bullet being stopped, the fourth hit him in the leg, and the fifth on the left side of the chest. The man butted the officer with his head and managed to get clear, leaving Heasman lying prostrate in the road.

## Escape by Bus.

Running down the road he jumped upon a motor-omnibus which was proceeding in the direction of Victoria, leaving in his flight his hat behind him. This, however, provides no clue, for the man's name does not appear, neither are there any marks that might lead to the owner's identification. The injured officer, though, has been able to supply a good description of his assailant, from which it appears he was a foreigner, about 25 years of age, of a fair complexion, and with scars upon his face. He was wearing, at the time of the assault, a blue serge suit. The injured officer was treated at the hospital, and was then removed to his home. An eye-witness of the struggle named Hy. Palmer, who is an omnibus conductor, states that the shots were fired while the constable was on the ground. Palmer said he would have given chase, but the whole thing was very sudden, and he lost his presence of mind.

## A SENTENCE VARIED.

## DECISION OF THE CRIMINAL APPEAL COURT.

Justice Darling, Justice Phillimore, and Justice Walton, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeal yesterday, were thanked by John Jones, alias Spanner, for favourably considering an appeal against a sentence passed upon him.—Justice Phillimore, in reading the particulars of the case, said Mr. Wallace punished the man at the North London Sessions in respect of certain burglaries, and the prisoner contended that he ought not to have been punished again in respect of offences for which he was tried at the Middlesex Session.—Mr. Phillimore, announcing the decision of the court, said it was clear that prisoner was only punished by Mr. Wallace at the North London Sessions for the four offences, which were brought before him, and that he was not punished in respect of the three burglaries in the County of Middlesex, for which he came before Sir R. Liddell. It had been rightly drawn to their lordships' notice by Mr. Horrell that the police knew about the burglaries at the time, and there was a Home Office instruction according to which the police were urged to as far as possible inform the judge who tried a man of any outstanding charges against the man, in order that they might be taken into consideration, and accused might have a clean sheet when he had undergone his punishment. There was no reason for saying that prisoner was not rightly punished at the Middlesex Sessions, but certain matters had not been brought to the chairman's notice. The opinion of the court in this case was that the proper sentence on accused man would have been one of penal servitude, to date from the date of his conviction at the Middlesex Sessions, and not to date, as at present, from the expiration of the hard labour sentence. To that extent the sentence would be varied.

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## AN EXCITING FINISH.

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## NEWS ITEMS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

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Sir Andw. Noble is progressing favourably.

An outbreak of anthrax is reported from Market Drayton.

Mr. Thos. Stow has been elected unopposed to fill the vacancy on the Kesteven County Council.

The funeral took place, at Cosely, of Mr. Jas. Smith, for over 50 years chairman of the parish church.

For assaulting a pony Hbt. Hodggers, a boy of 17, was, at Pontefract, sent to a month's hard labour.

Harriet Harris died at Wednesday as a result of injuries sustained through setting her clothes on fire.

Sir Robt. Anderson has consented to act as Lord Mayor of Belfast for another year.

The body of an unknown man was recovered from Dover Docks, as the result of dragging operations.

The King has sent 20 brace of pheasants to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospitals.

Owing to the slackness of trade, the main manufacturers at Cradley Heath have announced a reduction in wages.

The Bedfordshire County Council are securing bloodhounds to track incendiaries. Eleven firms have recently occurred.

A septuagenarian named Amelia Butfield died in Hyde Workhouse as a result of injuries sustained in a street accident.

Jno. Sowerbutts was knocked down at Blackburn and killed as a result of collision with a runaway horse. Inquest verdict, accidental death.

A presentation is to be made by the people of Farnworth to Mr. Brearley, the famous cricketer, on the occasion of his approaching marriage.

After 50 years' service on the old Stockton and Darlington and then on the N.E.R., Mr. Thos. Atkinson, of Darlington, has died at the age of 84.

At Bristol Edw. Spry, the well-known groundman at the County Ground, was presented with a cheque for £500 and a gold watch, as the result of his recent benefit.

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The number of passengers conveyed by steam launches from Torquay to Brixham during the recently concluded season was 36,000—nearly 2,000 less than in the previous summer.

Dr. Hbt. Rason, senior ophthalmic surgeon at Guy's, is to be married to the Hon. Irene Bingham, eldest daughter of Lord Clanmorris, of Clanmorris Castle, on Dec. 22.

Sir Alfred de Kock, Porter, the secretary of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, has passed the most critical period of his illness and is making good progress.

Great amusement has been created at Berwick by members of the Town Council receiving (unattended) on the post "whips" from an alderman, on which they had to pay 2s. each.

In a garden at Hatfield the following flowers could yesterday be seen in full bloom: Primroses, violets, wallflowers, white alysium, periwinkles, and red daisies, a remarkable indication of the mildness of the season.

An accidental death was the verdict at the inquest at Swarkestone, near Derby, on Thos. Lakin, licensee of



















## "THE PEOPLE" MIXTURE.

## PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

In London 2,188 and 1,418 deaths were registered last week, the births being 230 and the deaths 66 below the average.

The 1,418 deaths included 31 from measles, 11 from scarlet fever, 19 from diphtheria, 10 from whooping cough, 9 from enteric fever, and 41 from diarrhoea.

Different forms of violence caused 53 deaths. Of these eight were cases of suicide, while the remaining 51 deaths were attributed to accident or negligence.

In Greater London 3,469 births and 2,015 deaths were registered. Allowing for increase of population, these numbers are 367 and 14 below the respective averages in the corresponding weeks of the previous five years.

The deaths registered last week in 76 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 15.9 per 1,000 of their aggregate population, which is estimated at 16,234,832 persons in the middle of this year.

A syndicate has secured a site at Young's Corner, Chiswick, for the erection of a theatre.

A cook alleged at the North London Police Court that a housemaid made bets on horses with the butcher.

"Breadfruit is noted throughout the world for its smell," declared a solicitor at the local police court.

A prisoner with the nickname of "Dirty Dick" was charged at Birmingham with drunkenness. It was almost impossible to distinguish his features, and the police explained that the only time he ever was known to have washed was when in prison. He was sent to goal for seven days.

**GOOSEBERRY MILDEN.**  
The area in Kent affected by the American gooseberry mildew has greatly increased since August last, and, according to an official report, 1,787 acres of plantations are now known to be diseased.

**CENTENARIAN GENERAL DEAD.**  
The death is announced in Berlin, at the age of 102, of Maj.-gen. von Frank, the oldest officer in the Prussian Army, who retired 60 years ago. He was the son of a Hanoverian captain in the British Army and an Englishwoman.

**NEW CHURCH SITE.**  
Through the liberality of Sir A. Paget, a site has been acquired for a new church on the Fallings Park estate, near Wolverhampton. It is contemplated to form a new ecclesiastical parish to include the "garden suburb," to be formed on the estate, after the model of Bourville and Port Sunlight.

For the extinction of four Hastings inns, compensation is to be paid of £1,113, £1,232 10s., £1,394, and £1,010.

H. Snow Fortham, magistrate at North London, is seriously ill from enteric fever.

The Acton Works Committee has refused to allow a resident to change the number of her house from 13 to 11a.

"Suicides usually happen on dull, wet, cold days," declared a solicitor at the West London Police Court.

An Italian hawkler complained at the City Magistrate's Court that a policeman who had summoned him could not speak English properly.

Four children were seriously injured by the fall of an old three-storey building in the Market-place, Bournemouth.

A large owl has been captured in the West End Baptist Church, Hammersmith. It is supposed to have entered by the skylight.

Two old ladies who were born at Bayonne on Nov. 15, gave a midnight supper and took part in a torchlight procession.

"The worst of typewriting is that mistakes in spelling cannot be concealed," remarked Judge Bacon at Bloomsbury County Court.

Miss Haslam, of Ashton-on-Ribble, has presented Preston with a new park 45 acres in extent. She stipulates that a large portion of the park shall be reserved for quiet recreation apart from games.

**KILLED BY A BULL.**  
Mr. W. E. H. Tyler, a farmer, of Rodhuish, near Minehead, was exercising a bull in the farmyard when it broke from him and gored him so severely that he died in a few hours. Three years ago he was attacked and gored by a stag kept in captivity at his farm.

**HORSE'S QUER ADVENTURE.**  
During the unloading of a vessel at Penance dock a horse and cart were backed too far. The cart fell on the deck of the ship, and the horse was suspended in mid-air. To release it the workmen unfastened the harness and the horse dropped into the sea. After a lengthy swim it was rescued with a crane.

**MEN'S TRYING POSITION.**  
Mr. H. Rowland, of Hayward's Heath, lost a hen for 18 days, and then, much to his surprise, discovered it between two sacks in his hen-house, it having been unable to extricate itself. Having been without food or water for 18 days the bird was unable to stand, but it quickly revived after being given some warm food and drink.

Apple trees are in blossom for the second time this year in several gardens in East Lothian, and primroses in bloom are quite plentiful.

The Bishop of Kingston, accompanied by his chaplain, visited Lewisham Union Workhouse and addressed the inmates.

By pecking at the mortar on the roof of Pulborough (Sussex) Church jackdaws have done damage which, it is estimated, will cost £500 to repair.

While working in a well at Burslem Corporation Electricity Works Joseph Hascock, aged 30, was asphyxiated by an accumulation of foul air.

During the half-year ending Michaelmas Helston Board of Guardians made a gross profit of £30 2s. 3d. on the labour of the 418 tramps who were admitted to the workhouse.

A great fire occurred in the oilmills of the British firm of William Miller and Co., in St. Petersburg. The damage, which is covered by insurance, is estimated at £30,000.

The crushed remains of an itinerant acrobat named McKiver were found near Ballindrait, Donegal. It is thought he must have been lying in the road asleep when a steam-roller passed over him.

Trouble has arisen in the Sheffield ironfounders' trade owing to the federated engineering employers notifying that from Nov. 21 the wages of moulders will be reduced 2s. per week.

For travelling at speeds ranging from 25 to 31 miles an hour on the Brighton road between Bolney and Pyecombe, London motorists were fined in all between £70 and £80 by the Haywards's Heath bench.

For the purpose of electing a proctor for the diocese of London, in place of the late Prebendary Villiers, the Bishop of London has issued a mandate to his archdeacons to assemble the clergy of their arch-deaconries.

**PRIZES FOR CLEAN DITCHES.**  
To encourage farmers to keep their hedges and ditches in good condition, the Essex Union Hunt are offering prizes for the trimmest hedges and cleanest ditches.

**A YOUTHFUL OWNER.**  
In a Thames Conservancy prosecution at Spelthorne it was shown that the owner of a steam launch was a 16-year-old girl, the explanation being that applications for registration were mostly made by post, so that the ages of applicants could not be discovered.

**VETERAN ENGINE DRIVER.**  
Wm. Davies, of Ashbourne, who has just retired from the service of the N. Staffordshire Ry. Co., is believed to have been the oldest driver working upon any railway in the United Kingdom. He entered the company's service in 1836, and for many years had been the driver of the trains on the Ashbourne line.

King Haakon will leave Christiania for England on Nov. 22.

A Japanese professor of jin-jitsu at Bayonne, named Raku, has made up his mind to become a matador.

At Templemore, Co. Tipperary, Jas. Hennessy was committed for trial on a charge of exploding a bomb outside the house of Mr. Francis O'Mallane.

A plaintiff at Southwark County Court stated that 43 years ago he was invalided from the Navy with a pension of 8d. a day for life.

Electricbuses have been allowed to use the forecourt of Victoria Station, although petrol-driven omnibuses are not permitted to do so.

For unlawfully wounding a woman named Elphick at Hastings, George Holland, a butcher, was by Lewis Aspinall sentenced to 18 months' hard labour.

The living of Kidderminster, rendered vacant by the resignation of Canon Phillips, has been accepted by the Rev. Lawrence Banks Sladen, vicar of Selly Oak, Birmingham.

Men who attend the Sunday afternoon services for men at St. James's Church, Yarmouth, have undertaken to do all the work of erecting an institute for their own use.

It is rumored in Paris that the French Government will suggest the reduction of telegram rates between England and France from twopence to three halfpence a word, instead of a penny a word, as has been suggested by the Postmaster-General.

For the first time for nearly 700 years there was no mayoral procession to church on Sunday last at King's Lynn. The new mayor, Mr. E. Green, who is a working man, holds strong opinions on religious matters, and decided to break away from past traditions.

**"EASTER OFFERINGS."**  
The case in which the Court of Appeal held that "Easter offerings" were assessable for income-tax has been brought before the House of Lords by the Rev. Douglas Blackiston, vicar of East Grinstead. Judgment was reserved.

**TRAINING COLLEGE FOR LANCASHIRE.**  
By 20 votes to 19, the Lancashire Education Committee decided to erect a training college for 153 female teachers, and to invite other authorities to co-operate in the scheme, which will cost £23,000, of which the Government find three-quarters.

**CHURCH AND WORKING CLASSES.**  
Speaking to the Association of Readers for the Diocese of London, Canon Barnett said the working classes were aliens from the Church. They were not antagonistic; what was perhaps worse, they were indifferent. They were somewhat scornful of the Church's teaching, and sceptical as to its sympathy towards them. Few of the Labour leaders were Churchmen, and the Church could not be said to be influential in the thought of the Labour circles.

Four men were injured by the collapse of a bridge on H.M.S. Flagard, the training school for boy artificers at Portsmouth.

Arrangements for the Postage Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Congress to be held at Hume Town Hall, Manchester, in February, 1909, are making satisfactory progress.

Italian legislators are proposing the establishment of a new railway line between France and Italy, involving the cutting of a tunnel through Mont Blanc.

North Uist Estate, comprising practically the whole of the second largest of the Outer Hebridean group, is to be offered for sale on Tuesday.

It is announced that the Lancashire Miners' Federation, which has now over 70,000 members, intends to contest five Lancashire seats at the next general election.

Finchley District Council has been presented with a framed photograph of the late Mr. E. Sayer, who was Chairman of Finchley Local Board from 1878 to 1887.

In memory of the late Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, a solemn requiem was sung in the Russian Embassy Chapel, King Edward was represented by Lord Hamilton of Dalsell.

Sam Mayo, comedian, Cowley-rd., Brixton, was fined 5s. at Lambeth for driving a motor-car after dark without having the back plate properly illuminated, and 20s. for driving without a license.

High Wycombe Town Council, at the request of Earl Carrington, recommended ten heads of families from among the unemployed to work on his lordship's estate during December, January, and February.

To have her machinery overhauled, her boilers retubed, and her hull refitted the destroyer Violet arrived at Pembroke Dockyard, where work will thus be furnished for the additional hands engaged from the ranks of the unemployed.

**UNKNOWN, BUT TRUE.**  
"This singing in the streets cannot be permitted," declared the Marylebone magistrate. "We cannot allow the streets to be made hideous by people who think they can sing."

**THREE GENERATIONS.**  
Councillor Ernest Brooke, who has died at Hanley, executed some of the finest engraving used in recent years by pottery manufacturers. His grandfather invented the process of printing in colours on pottery and his father was a noted pottery engraver.

**"GLORIFIED ABILITY."**  
At the inquest held at Wolverhampton on Mr. Wm. Robinson, a manufacturer, it was stated that he had acquired a habit of exaggeration and notions of glorified personal ability, which constituted the first stage of paralysis of the brain. A verdict of suicide during temporary insanity was returned.

Mr. Joseph Theakston, Little Ouseburn, York, a noted breeder and exhibitor of shire horses, died suddenly from apoplexy, aged 55.

"Had you another house up your sleeve?" said counsel to a woman at Shoreditch County Court. "Certainly not," was the indignant reply.

H.M.S. Hibernia arrived at Torquay with torpedo boats 66 and 103 to carry out experiments with the new Whitehead torpedo.

Newbury Town Council is applying for a loan of £1,500 in order to demolish its Georgian Town Hall, which has fallen into disrepair.

The mutilated body of Chas. Hammond was discovered on the G.W.R. Ely, near Small Heath Station, Birmingham.

The death is announced from Bombay of Sir Harkisamdas Narotamdas, the prominent Hindu merchant. He served as Sheriff of Bombay, and was made a knight in 1903.

South Wales miners decided at a conference held at Cardiff to impose a levy of sixpence per member for three months in aid of the out-of-work miners.

The Zealand Steamship Co. has accepted the tender of the Fairfield Shipbuilding and Engineering Co. (Ld.), Glasgow, for the building of three new steamers for the service between Glasgow and Queenborough.

The City Corporation having undertaken not to oppose the construction of a tramway in Bishopsgate-st., with-out the City boundary to Middlesex, the L.C.C. decided to contribute half the net cost of road widening, not exceeding £156,850.

Fdk. Neale, Naval Reservist, was found dead in a cabin of the obsolete ship Pomone, of which he was caretaker. There was a bucket of coke ashes in the cabin, and he is supposed to have been suffocated by fumes.

**UNSAFE STEAMSHIPS.**  
According to a Board of Trade return 29 steamships and six sailing ships were ordered to be detained as unsafe during the period from July 1, 1907, to June 30, 1908. The offences consisted of overcrowding, improper loading, and undermanning.

**FIGHT FOR A BOY.**  
After a woman had been granted a separation order at Beckenham she and her husband fought strenuously in court for the possession of their little son. Amid the shrieks of women the police rescued the boy, and he was borne away by his mother, screaming for his father.

**NATIVES OUST FRENCH.**  
The native is ousting the Frenchman in Algeria, according to a Consular report on that colony. Natives increase by 700,000 every five years, while Europeans increase by only 10,000 in the same period. The native does not do practically anything, and whatever branch of industry he undertakes the Frenchman must be prepared to abandon to him.

"His name is Edwin, but we call him George for short," was a reply to the Shoreditch coroner.

Baling Town Council has rejected a motion to build a police court for the borough.

Meera, N. M. Rothschild and Sons have sent £100 to the Royal National Orthopedic Hospital.

Mr. John Leigh Taylor, of Pongmanucha, Dolgelly, died, aged 79. He was Deputy Lieutenant of Merioneth.

In connection with the Birmingham Cattle and Poultry Show, to be held from Nov. 28 to Dec. 3, the G.W.R. will run an excursion on Dec. 1.

By a decree which will come into force at midnight on April 30, 1909, Amsterdam time will be made the legal time throughout Holland.

Jas. Salisbury, a labourer, at Preston Corporation Reservoir, was crushed to death by a large iron pipe which rolled over upon him.

While the charge was being drawn from a shell at the Saint Michel magazine, France, it exploded, killing three workmen.

A witness in a case heard at Goldsmiths County Court had travelled 200 miles to give evidence. He was in the witness-box for exactly half a minute.

Mr. Wilson, who presided at the New Hudson Cycle Co. meeting at Birmingham, said the bicycle was so generally used in business that any trade depression affected the cycle trade.

A woman "gollywog" maker complained to the Thames Police magistrate that a couple whom she had befriended had opened an opposition shop. "Fur is used in the business," she added, "and my favourite cat is missing."

In spite of popular opposition, the Hampshire County Council has decided to resume possession of the bronze statue of the late Queen Victoria, which now stands in the Abbey grounds, Winchester, and erect it in the great hall of Winchester Castle, which is county property.

**A NON-SWearing FAMILY.**  
In proof of a denial that he used bad language a young man told the Brentford magistrate that he came of a non-swearing family. He even objected to taking the oath.

**£250,000 FOR OPERA.**  
It is announced that the advance bookings for the opera season at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, amount to the record sum of £145,000, and it is estimated that the gross receipts for the season will be at least £250,000.

**LOCAL OFFICIALISM.**  
The vicar of Walsall, preaching before the mayor and corporation, made a vigorous attack on local officialism. The town clerk afterwards asked for an opportunity to preach a sermon on the other side of the question. The vicar has replied that if the town clerk would write a sermon for mayor's day next year he (the vicar) would undertake to deliver it.

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2. When..... I got to eight - een, Off to balls I used to go,  
3. Once..... while down at Mar - gate, With my moth - er on the shore,

I..... be - gan to long for some - thing, Af - ter I'd turn'd child - hood's page,  
I..... was al - ways in the com - pany Of a group of boys, you know,  
I..... saw some fol - lows in the wa - ter, Ve - ry man - ty clothes they wore.

Da.

No, the, she mar - ried, "It's a mys - te - ry What all my pearl of pearls..... I'll  
Spi - cy jokes I would tell those man - cy folks, And if you wish, er dear!..... But  
Moth - er said, "There's a love - ly spot a - head, Where you can bathe, my dear!"

send you to your con - sins in the coun - try, for a change." I said, "But they're all girls!  
want to in - tro - duce you to some in - dy friends of mine!" I sim - ply shook my head.  
I looked at the wa - ter, and the fol - lows swim - ming there, Then, I said, "Why not here?"

CHORUS. *f, 2nd ff*

I want to be a - mong the boys! I want to be a - mong the boys!

They'll find I'm a per - fect gem, What they can't teach me I'll teach them! So I want to be among the

boys! No use you kick - ing up a noise! Mo - ther! Mo - ther! Mo - ther! I be -

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